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Casey Wants a Raise

At a time when President Reagan is seeking to slice Federal employees' pay checks by 5 percent, William J. Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, is asking for a big salary increase for himself.

A draft proposal on C.I.A. pay and other matters sent recently to the White House calls for elevating the Director's salary on Oct. 1 from Executive Level II (\$75,100) to Executive Level I (\$86,200.)

The proposal obviously was not prompted by Mr. Casey's need for more money; he is a millionaire. But the increase would place him on a salary par with the 13 members of the President's Cabinet, thus gaining him status in this status-conscious city. Although he has Cabinet rank, the Director is not a member of the Cabinet.

A spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget said the C.I.A. proposal "will go to every relevant agency for comment" before being passed on by the White House and then possibly sent to Congress.

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